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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

5 July 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR THE INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT : Release of NIE 42.2-56, "Probable Developments in North Korea Over the Next Few Years," to Certain Foreign Governments

1. The Board of National Estimates has reviewed NIE 42.2-56 with a view to its release to certain foreign governments, and regards the following considerations as pertinent:

a. Precedent. The question of release has not arisen directly in the past since this is the first NIE dealing exclusively with the North Korean regime.

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c. Classification and Sources. This estimate refers to no intelligence sources and does not compromise NOFORN materials for which CIA is responsible. The Board is not in a position to determine whether there would be a compromise of sources or NOFORN materials for which other agencies are primarily responsible.

d. Substantive. With respect to substantive content otherwise, the Board perceives no objection to release of this estimate.

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e. Other Considerations. Within the general category of intelligence on Communist areas or activities in Asia, many NIE's have been released [REDACTED] in the past, including papers on Communist China (NIE 13-56, NIE 13-54, NIE 10-2-54, NIE 10-7-54), the Offshore Islands (SNIE 100-4-56, NIE 100-5-56), and North Vietnam (NIE 63.1-55).

2. Conclusion. On the basis of the above factors, and subject to the review by other agencies of the issue of compromise of intelligence sources and NOFORN materials, the Board perceives no objection, from an intelligence viewpoint, to the release of NIE 42.2-56 [REDACTED] 25X1C

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